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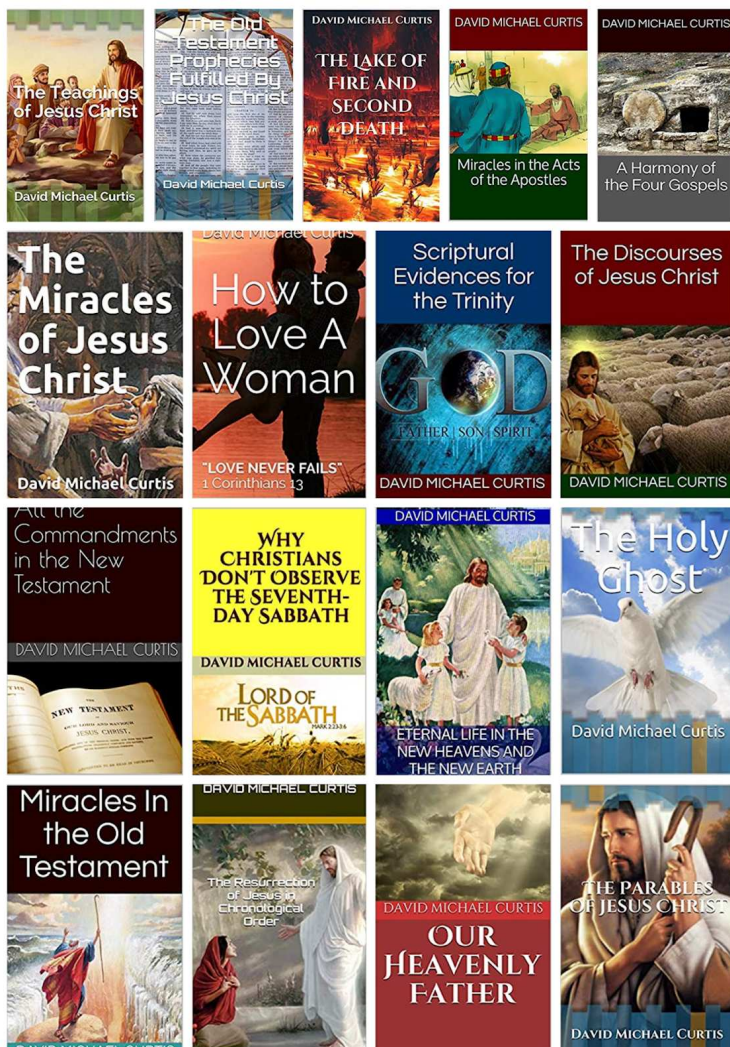
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I am a sinner saved by the grace of God. I have been baptized and I confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sins, and the gift of eternal life. I was born in Roseburg, Oregon. I became a Christian at age 19 in 1993. Over the next 7 years, I wore out the bindings of 11 KJV Bibles. Using my own money, I conducted my first evangelistic crusade in 1999. I taught the Bible on the radio 5 days a week on K.O.R.E. Springfield OR (2000-2002). I sold KJV Bibles and children's character-building books door to door in Washington, Oregon, California, Texas, Kansas, Georgia, Tennessee, and New York (1999-2007). I was a volunteer chaplain for a maximum-security prison in Northern California (2005-2007). I have owned/managed 75+ Christian websites since 2001. I was General Publication Manager for Harvestime Books (an international Christian publishing house), from 2008-2010. I have served the church as an elder, a new believers class teacher, and a vacation Bible school teacher.

The tallest trees in the world are the Redwoods in Northern California. The Redwoods share a single network of roots; this root system connects **all** the Redwoods trees together. Which means, the Redwoods forest is also the largest single living organism in the world.

Imagine that each doctrine of the Bible is a giant Redwood tree supported by 30-40 roots (Bible verses). Examine the neighboring doctrines that share a root system (Bible verses) with that doctrine. Understand that under its surface, all the doctrines are connected together by one massive root system within the Bible. My books show how the various doctrines interconnect and share the same roots, and how they support and depend on each other.

My books use the Bible as its own interpreter, providing all the verses on whichever doctrine being discussed, topically arranged, without commentary. Christ is the only Teacher you need. He promised that you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.

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Marriage

Divinely Instituted.

Genesis 2:24. Therefore shall a man leave his Father and his mother, and shall Cleave Unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

A Covenant Relationship.

Malachi 2:4. And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

DESIGNED FOR

The Happiness Of Man.

Genesis 2:18. And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Increasing the Species.

Genesis 1:28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 9:1. And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

Raising Up Godly Seed.

Malachi 2:15. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

Preventing Fornication.

1 Corinthians 7:2. Nevertheless, to avoid Fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

The Expectation Of The Promised Seed Of The Woman, An Incentive To, In The Early Age.

Genesis 3:15. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 4:1. And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

Lawful In All.

1 Corinthians 7:2. Nevertheless, to avoid Fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:28. But and if thou marry, thou hast not Sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not Sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.

1 Timothy 5:14. I will therefore that the younger Women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Honorable For All.

Hebrews 13:4. Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will Judge.

Should Be Only In The Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:39. The wife is bound by The Law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be Dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

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Joining Together.

Matthew 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Making Affinity.

1 Kings 3:1. And Solomon made Affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

Taking To Wife.

Exodus 2:1. And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

Giving Daughters To Sons, And Sons To Daughters.

Deuteronomy 7:3. Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

Ezra 9:12. Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.

Indissoluble During The Joint Lives Of The Parties.

Matthew 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Romans 7:2-3. For the woman which hath an husband is bound by The Law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be Dead, she is loosed from The Law of her husband. 3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be Dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

1 Corinthians 7:39. The wife is bound by The Law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be Dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

Early Introduction Of Polygamy.

Genesis 4:19. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

Contracted In Patriarchal Age With Near Relations.

Genesis 20:12. And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my Father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

Genesis 24:24. And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

Genesis 28:2. Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's Father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

Often Contracted By Parents For Children.

Genesis 24:49-51. And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left. 50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. 51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

Genesis 34:6. And Hamor the Father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

Genesis 34:8. And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

Should Be With Consent Of Parents.

Genesis 28:8. And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his Father;

Judges 14:2-3. And he came up, and told his Father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.
3 Then his Father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy Brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his Father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

Consent Of The Parties Necessary To.

Genesis 24:57-58. And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth. 58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

1 Samuel 18:20. And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

1 Samuel 25:41. And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the earth, and said, Behold, let thine handmaid be a Servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

Parents Might Refuse To Give Their Children In.

Exodus 22:17. If her Father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

Deuteronomy 7:3. Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

THE JEWS

Forbidden To Contract, With Their Near Relations.

Leviticus 18:6. None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.

Forbidden To Contract With Idolaters.

Deuteronomy 7:3-4. Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. 4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the Anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

Often Contracted With Foreigners.

1 Kings 11:1. But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, Women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

Nehemiah 13:23. In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

Sometimes Guilty Of Polygamy.

1 Kings 11:1. But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, Women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

1 Kings 11:3. And he had seven hundred wives, Princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

Careful In Contracting For Their Children.

Genesis 24:2. And Abraham said unto his eldest Servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

Genesis 28:1-2. And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. 2 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's Father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

Betrothed Themselves Some Time Before.

Deuteronomy 20:7. And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

Judges 14:5. Then went Samson down, and his Father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.

Judges 14:7-8. And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. 8 And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.

Contracted When Young.

Proverbs 2:17. Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

Joel 1:8. Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

Often Contracted, In Their Own Tribe.

Exodus 2:1. And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

Numbers 36:6-13. This is the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their Father shall they marry. 7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his Fathers. 8 And every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her Father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his Fathers. 9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance. ...

Luke 1:5. There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

Luke 1:27. To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Obligated To Contract With A Brother's Wife Who Died Without Seed.

Deuteronomy 25:5. If Brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the Dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

Matthew 22:24. Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

Considered Being Debarred From, A Reproach.

Isaiah 4:1. And in that day seven Women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

Considered Being Debarred From, A Cause Of Grief.

Judges 11:38. And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

Often Punished By Being Debarred From.

Jeremiah 7:34. Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

Jeremiah 16:9. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

Jeremiah 25:10. Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the Light of the candle.

Allowed Divorce From, Because Of Hardness Of Their Hearts.

Deuteronomy 24:1. When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

Matthew 19:7-8 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.**

Exempted From Going To War Immediately After.

Deuteronomy 20:7. And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

Priest Not To Contract, With Divorced Or Improper Person.

Leviticus 21:7. They shall not take a wife that is a Whore, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.

The High Priest Not To Contract, With A Widow Or A Divorced Or Profane Person.

Leviticus 21:14. A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

Contracted At The Gate And Before Witnesses.

Ruth 4:1. Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

Ruth 4:10-11. Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the Dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the Dead be not cut off from among his Brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day. 11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem:

Modes Of Demanding Women In.

Genesis 24:3. And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

Genesis 34:6. And Hamor the Father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

Genesis 34:8. And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give her him to wife.

1 Samuel 25:39-40. And when David heard that Nabal was Dead, he said, Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his Servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. 40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

Elder Daughters Usually Given In, Before The Younger.

Genesis 29:26. And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

A Dowry Given To The Woman's Parents Before.

Genesis 29:18. And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

Genesis 34:12. Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

1 Samuel 18:27-28. Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife. 28 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

CELEBRATED

With Great Rejoicing.

Jeremiah 33:11. The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

John 3:29. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

With Feasting.

Genesis 29:22. And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

Judges 14:10. So his Father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.

Matthew 22:2-3 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

For Seven Days.

Judges 14:12. And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:

A Benediction Pronounced After.

Genesis 24:60. And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou Art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

Ruth 4:11-12. And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem: 12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

THE BRIDE

Received Presents Before.

Genesis 24:53. And the Servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.

Given A Handmaid At.

Genesis 24:59. And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's Servant, and his men.

Genesis 29:24. And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid.

Genesis 29:29. And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

Adorned With Jewels For.

Isaiah 49:18. Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.

Isaiah 61:10. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of Salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Gorgeously Apparelled.

Psalms 45:13-14. The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. 14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

.Attended By Bridesmaids.

Psalms 45:9. Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

Stood On The Right Of Bridegroom.

Psalms 45:9. Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

Called To Forget Her Father's House.

Psalms 45:10. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy Father's house;

THE BRIDEGROOM

Adorned With Ornaments.

Isaiah 61:10. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of Salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Attended By Many Friends.

Judges 14:11. And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

John 3:29. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

Presented With Gifts.

Psalms 45:12. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

Crowned With Garlands.

Song of Solomon 3:11. Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

Rejoiced Over The Bride.

Isaiah 62:5. For as a young man marryeth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Returned With The Bride To His House At Night.

Matthew 25:1-6 ¶ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Garments Provided For Guests At.

Matthew 22:12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Infidelity Of Those Contracted In, Punished As If Married.

Deuteronomy 22:23-24. If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; 24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

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God's Union With The Jewish Nation.

Isaiah 54:5. For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Jeremiah 3:14. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

Hosea 2:19-20. And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. 20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

Christ's Union With His Church.

Ephesians 5:23-24. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Ephesians 5:32. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church.

Husbands

Should have but one wife.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his Father and his mother, and shall Cleave Unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Mark 10:6-8 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

1 Corinthians 7:2-4 Nevertheless, to avoid Fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

Have Authority over their wives.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the saviour of the body.

DUTY OF, TO WIVES;

To respect them.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

To love them.

Ephesians 5:25-33 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. ...

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

To regard them as themselves.

Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Matthew 19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

To be Faithful to them.

Proverbs 5:19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

Malachi 2:14-15 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been Witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. 15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

To dwell with them for life.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his Father and his mother, and shall Cleave Unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Matthew 19:3-9 ¶ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

To comfort them.

1 Samuel 1:8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

To consult with them.

Genesis 31:4-7 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock, 5 And said unto them, I see your Father's Countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my Father hath been with me. 6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your Father. 7 And your Father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

Not to leave them, though unbelieving.

1 Corinthians 7:11-12 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. 12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

1 Corinthians 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

1 Corinthians 7:16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?

Duties of, not to interfere with their duties to Christ.

Luke 14:26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Matthew 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Good Exemplified.

Isaac,

Genesis 24:67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's Death.

Elkanah,

1 Samuel 1:4-5 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: 5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

Bad Exemplified.

Solomon,

1 Kings 11:1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, Women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

Ahasuerus,

Esther 1:10-11 On the Seventh Day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven Chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, 11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the Princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on.

Industry

A Man Must Provide for those of His Own House

1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Commanded.

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

1 Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

Required of man in a state of innocence.

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Required of man after the fall.

Genesis 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

To be suspended on the Sabbath.

Exodus 20:10 But the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Characteristics of godly women.

Proverbs 31:13-31 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. ...

Early rising necessary to.

Proverbs 31:15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

REQUISITE TO SUPPLY

Our own wants.

Acts 20:34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 For ye remember, Brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be Chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the Gospel of God.

Wants of others.

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

The slothful devoid of.

Proverbs 24:30-31 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; 31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

LEADS TO

Increase of substance.

Proverbs 13:11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Affection of relatives.

Proverbs 31:28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

General commendation.

Proverbs 31:31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Illustrated.

Proverbs 6:6-8 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

Exemplified.

Rachel,

Genesis 29:9 And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her Father's sheep: for she kept them.

Jacob,

Genesis 31:6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your Father.

Jethro's daughters,

Exodus 2:10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Ruth,

Ruth 2:2-3 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of Corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. 3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to Light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

Jeroboam,

1 Kings 11:28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

David,

1 Samuel 16:11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

Jewish elders,

Ezra 6:14-15 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. 15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

Dorcas,

Acts 9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the Coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

Paul,

Acts 18:3 And because he was of the same craft, he Abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

1 Corinthians 4:12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

Woman

Origin and cause of the name.

Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

ORIGINALLY MADE

By God in His own image.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

From one of Adam's ribs.

Genesis 2:21-22 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

For man.

1 Corinthians 11:9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.

An help meet for man.

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Genesis 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Subordinate to man.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

To be the glory of man.

1 Corinthians 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

Deceived by Satan.

Genesis 3:1-6 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ...

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

1 Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Led man to disobey God.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:11-12 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Curse pronounced on.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Salvation promised through the seed of.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Safety in childbirth promised to the Faithful and holy.

1 Timothy 2:15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in Faith and Charity and holiness with sobriety.

CHARACTERIZED AS

Weaker than man.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Timid.

Isaiah 19:16 In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

Jeremiah 50:37 A sword is upon their Horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed.

Jeremiah 51:30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed; they became as women: they have burned her dwellingplaces; her bars are broken.

Nahum 3:13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars.

Loving and affectionate.

2 Samuel 1:26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

Tender and constant to her offspring.

Isaiah 49:15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

Lamentations 4:10 The hands of the pitiful Women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

To wear her hair long as a covering.

1 Corinthians 11:15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

Good and virtuous, described.

Proverbs 31:10-28 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. ...

Virtuous, held in high estimation.

Ruth 3:11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou Art a virtuous woman.

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

FREQUENTLY

Fond of self-indulgence.

Isaiah 32:9-11 Rise up, ye Women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. 10 Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. 11 Tremble, ye Women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

Subtle and deceitful.

Proverbs 7:10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

Ecclesiastes 7:26 And I find more bitter than Death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

Silly and easily led into error.

2 Timothy 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly Women laden with Sins, led Away with Divers lusts,

Zealous in promoting superstition and idolatry.

Jeremiah 7:18 The children gather wood, and the Fathers kindle the fire, and the Women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to Anger.

Ezekiel 13:17 Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them,

Ezekiel 13:23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Active in instigating to iniquity.

Numbers 31:15-16 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the Women alive? 16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the Congregation of the LORD.

1 Kings 21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

Nehemiah 13:26 Did not Solomon king of Israel Sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish Women cause to Sin.

Generally wore a vail in the presence of the other sex.

Genesis 24:65 For she had said unto the Servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the Servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

Generally lived in a separated apartment or tent.

Genesis 18:9 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

Genesis 24:67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's Death.

Esther 2:9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women.

Esther 2:11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

Submissive and respectful to husbands.

1 Peter 3:6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Genesis 18:12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?

OF DISTINCTION

Fair and graceful.

Genesis 12:11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou Art a fair woman to look upon:

Genesis 24:16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

Song of Solomon 1:8 If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

Amos 8:13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

Haughty in their deportment.

Isaiah 3:16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

Fond of dress and ornaments.

Isaiah 3:17-23 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will Discover their secret parts. 18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their Cauls, and their round tires like the moon, 19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, 20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, ...

Wore their hair plaited and adorned with gold and pearls.

Isaiah 3:24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

1 Timothy 2:9 In like manner also, that Women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with Broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly Array;

Of the poorer classes swarthy from exposure to the sun.

Song of Solomon 1:5-6 I am black, but Comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon. 6 Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

YOUNG,

Called maids.

Exodus 2:8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

Luke 8:51-52 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, *Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.*

Called damsels.

Genesis 24:55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

Mark 5:39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, *Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.*

Called virgins.

Genesis 24:16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

Lamentations 1:4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are Afflicted, and she is in bitterness.

Gay and mirthsome.

Judges 11:34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

Judges 21:21 And see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

Jeremiah 31:13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.

Zechariah 9:17 For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

Kind and courteous to strangers.

Genesis 24:17 And the Servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

Fond of ornaments.

Jeremiah 2:32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

Required to learn from and imitate their elders.

Titus 2:4 That they may Teach the young Women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

Inherited parents' property when there was no male heir.

Numbers 27:8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

Could not marry without consent of parents.

Genesis 24:3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

Genesis 34:6 And Hamor the Father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

Exodus 22:17 If her Father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

Not to be given in marriage is considered a calamity.

Judges 11:37 And she said unto her Father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and Bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

Psalms 78:63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage.

Isaiah 4:1 And in that day seven Women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

Often taken captive.

Lamentations 1:18 The LORD is Righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

Ezekiel 30:17-18 The young men of Aven and of Pibeseth shall fall by the sword: and these cities shall go into captivity. 18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

Punishment for seducing, when betrothed.

Deuteronomy 22:23-27 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; 24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you. 25 But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die: 26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no Sin worthy of Death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so is this matter: ...

Punishment for seducing when not betrothed.

Exodus 22:16-17 And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife. 17 If her Father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

Often treated with great cruelty in war.

Deuteronomy 32:25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

Lamentations 2:21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; thou hast slain them in the day of thine Anger; thou hast killed, and not pitied.

Lamentations 5:11 They ravished the Women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah.

Of distinction, dressed in robes of various colors.

2 Samuel 13:18 And she had a garment of Divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his Servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

Psalms 45:14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.

Were required to hear and obey The Law.

Joshua 8:35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the Congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

Had a court of The Tabernacle assigned to them.

Exodus 38:8 And he made The Laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses of the Women assembling, which assembled at the door of The Tabernacle of the Congregation.

1 Samuel 2:2 There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

Allowed to join in the temple-music

From the time of David.

1 Chronicles 25:5-6 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 All these were under the hands of their Father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and Harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

OFTEN ENGAGED IN

Domestic employments.

Genesis 18:6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

Proverbs 31:15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

Agriculture.

Ruth 2:8 Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearst thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

Song of Solomon 1:6 Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Tending sheep.

Genesis 29:9 And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her Father's sheep: for she kept them.

Exodus 2:16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their Father's flock.

Drawing and carrying water.

Genesis 24:11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that Women go out to draw water.

Genesis 24:13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

Genesis 24:15-16 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. 16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

1 Samuel 9:11 And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here?

John 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, **Give me to drink.**

Grinding Corn.

Matthew 24:41 Two Women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luke 17:35 Two Women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Spinning.

Proverbs 31:13-14 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

Embroidery.

Proverbs 31:22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

Celebrating the victories of the nation.

Exodus 15:20-21 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the Women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. 21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

Attending funerals as mourners.

Jeremiah 9:17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come:

Jeremiah 9:20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and Teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

Vows of, when married not binding upon the husband.

Numbers 30:6-8 And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul; 7 And her husband heard it, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard it: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. 8 But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.

Unfaithfulness of, when married, found out by the waters of jealousy.

Numbers 5:14-28 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled: 15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance. 16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD: 17 And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of The Tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water:

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Punishment for injuring, when with child.

Exodus 21:22-25 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely Punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the Judges determine. 23 And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, 24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

To be governed by, considered a calamity by the Jews.

Isaiah 3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and Women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

To be slain by, considered a great disgrace.

Judges 9:54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

Considered a valuable booty in war.

Deuteronomy 20:14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

1 Samuel 30:2 And had taken the Women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

Often treated with great cruelty in war.

2 Kings 8:12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their Women with child.

Lamentations 5:11 They ravished the Women in Zion, and the maids in the cities of Judah.

Ezekiel 9:6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Hosea 13:16 Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their Women with child shall be ripped up.

ILLUSTRATIVE

(Gloriously arrayed,) of the Church of Christ.

Psalms 45:13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

Galatians 4:26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Revelation 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

(Delicate,) of backsliding Israel.

Jeremiah 6:2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a Comely and delicate woman.

(Chaste and holy,) of Saints.

Song of Solomon 1:3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a Chaste virgin to Christ.

Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

(Lewd,) of the Roman apostacy.

Revelation 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a Golden Cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her Fornication:

Revelation 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

(Wise,) of Saints.

Matthew 25:1-2 ¶ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish.

Matthew 25:4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

(Foolish,) of mere professors.

Matthew 25:1-3 ¶ Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

(At ease and careless,) of a state of Carnal security.

Isaiah 32:9 Rise up, ye Women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

Isaiah 32:11 Tremble, ye Women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

(Forsaken,) of Israel in her captivity.

Isaiah 54:6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

Wives

Not To Be Selected From Among The Ungodly.

Genesis 24:3. And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

Genesis 26:34. And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

Genesis 28:1. And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

DUTIES OF, TO THEIR HUSBANDS,

To Love Them.

Titus 2:4. That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

To Reverence Them.

Ephesians 5:33. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

To Be Faithful To Them.

1 Corinthians 7:3-5. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

1 Corinthians 7:10. And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

To Be Subject To Them.

Genesis 3:16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Ephesians 5:22. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Ephesians 5:24. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

1 Peter 3:1. Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

To Obey Them.

1 Corinthians 14:34. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

Titus 2:5. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

To Remain With Them For Life.

Romans 7:2-3. For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

1 Corinthians 7:10. And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

SHOULD BE ADORNED

Not With Ornaments.

1 Timothy 2:9. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

1 Peter 3:3. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

With Modesty And Sobriety.

1 Timothy 2:9. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

With A Meek And Quiet Spirit.

1 Peter 3:4-5. But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

With Good Works.

1 Timothy 2:10. But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

1 Timothy 5:10. Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

GOOD, Are From The Lord.

Proverbs 19:14. House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Are A Token Of The Favor Of God.

Proverbs 18:22. Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

Are A Blessing To Husbands.

Proverbs 12:4. A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 31:10. Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:12. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Bring Honor On Husbands.

Proverbs 31:23. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

Secure Confidence Of Husbands.

Proverbs 31:11. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

Are Praised By Husbands.

Proverbs 31:28. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

Are Diligent And Prudent.

Proverbs 31:13-27. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. ...

Are Benevolent To The Poor.

Proverbs 31:20. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

Duty Of, To Unbelieving Husbands.

1 Corinthians 7:13-14. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

1 Corinthians 7:16. For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?

1 Peter 3:1-2. Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

Should Be Silent In The Churches.

1 Corinthians 14:34. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

Should Seek Religious Instruction From Their Husbands.

1 Corinthians 14:35. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

Of Ministers, Should Be Exemplary.

1 Timothy 3:11. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

Good — Exemplified.

Wife of Manoah,

Judges 13:10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day.

Orpah and Ruth,

Ruth 1:4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

Ruth 1:8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

Abigail,

1 Samuel 25:3 Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

Esther,

Esther 2:15-17 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. 16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. 17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

Elizabeth,

Luke 1:6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

Priscilla,

Acts 18:2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

Acts 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Sarah,

1 Peter 3:6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Bad-Exemplified.

Samson's wife,

Judges 14:15-17 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so? 16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee? 17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

Michal,

2 Samuel 6:16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

Jezebel,

1 Kings 21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

Zeresh,

Esther 5:14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

Job's wife,

Job 2:9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

Herodias,

Mark 6:17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.

Sapphira,

Acts 5:1-2 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Families

Of Saints blessed.

Psalms 128:3-6 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. 4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD. 5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

SHOULD

Be taught the Scriptures.

Deuteronomy 4:9-10 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but Teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; 10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may Teach their children.

Worship God together.

1 Corinthians 16:19 The Churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the Church that is in their house.

Be duly regulated.

Proverbs 31:27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

1 Timothy 3:4-5 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?)

1 Timothy 3:12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

Live in unity.

Genesis 45:24 So he sent his Brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

Psalms 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity!

Live in mutual forbearance.

Genesis 50:17-21 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy Brethren, and their Sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy Father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. 18 And his Brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. 19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. ...

Matthew 18:21-22 ¶ Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, **I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.**

Rejoice together before God.

Deuteronomy 14:26 And thou shalt Bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,

Deceivers and liars should be removed from.

Psalms 101:7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

Warning against departing from God.

Deuteronomy 29:18 Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;

Punishment of irreligious.

Jeremiah 10:25 Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

Good Exemplified.

Abraham,

Genesis 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and Judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Jacob,

Genesis 35:2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

Joshua,

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your Fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

David,

2 Samuel 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

Job,

Job 1:5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered Burnt Offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have Sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Lazarus of Bethany,

John 11:1-5 ¶ Now a certain *man* was sick, *named* Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard *that*, he said, *This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.* Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

Cornelius,

Acts 10:2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much Alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

Acts 10:33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou Art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Lydia,

Acts 16:15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she Besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be Faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Jailor of Philippi,

Acts 16:31-34 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. 32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. 34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Crispus,

Acts 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

Lois,

2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned Faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Children

Christ was an example too.

Luke 2:51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

John 19:26-27 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

Are a gift from God.

Genesis 33:5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the Women and the children; and said, Who are those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy Servant.

Psalms 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

Are capable of glorifying God.

Psalms 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Psalms 148:12-13 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

SHOULD BE

Brought to Christ.

Mark 10:13-16 ¶ And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*. But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, *Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.* And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

Brought early to the house of God.

1 Samuel 1:24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

Instructed in the ways of God.

Deuteronomy 31:12-13 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: 13 And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Judiciously trained.

Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

Proverbs 29:17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Ephesians 6:4 And, ye Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

SHOULD

Obey God.

Deuteronomy 30:2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

Fear God.

Proverbs 24:21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

Remember God.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Attend to parental teaching.

Proverbs 1:8-9 My son, hear the instruction of thy Father, and forsake not The Law of thy mother: 9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

Honor parents.

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy Father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had Fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Fear parents.

Leviticus 19:3 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his Father, and keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

Obey parents.

Proverbs 6:20 My son, keep thy Father's commandment, and forsake not The Law of thy mother:

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Take care of parents.

1 Timothy 5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

Honor the aged.

Leviticus 19:32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Not imitate bad parents.

Ezekiel 20:18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your Fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their Idols:

An heritage from the Lord.

Psalm 113:9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

Psalm 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

NOT TO HAVE,

Considered an Affliction.

Genesis 15:2-3 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? 3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

A reproach in Israel.

1 Samuel 1:6-7 And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. 7 And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.

Anxiety of the Jews for.

Genesis 30:1 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

1 Samuel 1:5 But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

1 Samuel 1:8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

Often prayed for.

1 Samuel 1:10-11 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the Affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

Often given in answer to prayer.

Genesis 25:21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

1 Samuel 1:27 For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Treatment of, after birth, noticed.

Ezekiel 16:4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

Mostly nursed by the mothers.

1 Samuel 1:22 But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

1 Kings 3:21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was Dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear.

Psalms 22:9 But thou Art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

Song of Solomon 8:1 O that thou wert as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, I should not be despised.

Weaning of, a time of joy and feasting.

Genesis 21:8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

1 Samuel 1:24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

Circumcised on the eighth day.

Philippians 3:5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching The Law, a Pharisee;

Named at circumcision.

Luke 1:59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his Father.

Luke 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

WERE NAMED

After relatives.

Luke 1:59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his Father.

Luke 1:61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

From remarkable events.

Genesis 21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

Genesis 18:13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

Exodus 2:10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

Exodus 18:3-4 And her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land: 4 And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my Father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:

From circumstances connected with their birth.

Genesis 25:25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

Genesis 35:18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his Father called him Benjamin.

1 Chronicles 4:9 And Jabez was more honourable than his Brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

Often by God.

Isaiah 8:3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz.

Hosea 1:4 And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

Hosea 1:6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

Hosea 1:9 Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

Often numerous.

2 Kings 10:1 And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,

1 Chronicles 4:27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his Brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah.

Numerous, considered an especial blessing.

Psalms 115:14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Psalms 127:4-5 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Sometimes born when parents were old.

Genesis 15:3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

Genesis 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Luke 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

MALE,

If first born, belonged to God and were redeemed.

Exodus 13:12-13 That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be the LORDS'. 13 And every firstling of an Ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.

Exodus 13:15 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem.

Birth of, announced to the Father by a messenger.

Jeremiah 20:15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my Father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad.

Under the care of tutors, till they came of age.

2 Kings 10:1 And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,

Galatians 4:1-2 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a Servant, though he be lord of all; 2 But is under tutors and Governors until the time appointed of the Father.

Usefully employed.

1 Samuel 9:3 And the asses of Kish Saul's Father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

1 Samuel 17:15 But David went and returned from Saul to feed his Father's sheep at Bethlehem.

Inherited the possessions of their Father.

Deuteronomy 21:16-17 Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn: 17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

Received the blessing of their Father before his Death.

Genesis 27:1-4 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I. 2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my Death: 3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; 4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

Genesis 48:15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my Fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

Genesis 49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. 2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your Father. 3 Reuben, thou Art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: 4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy Father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch. ...

FEMALE,

Taken care of by nurses.

Genesis 35:8 But Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Bethel under an oak: and the name of it was called Allonbachuth.

Usefully employed.

Genesis 24:13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

Exodus 2:16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their Father's flock.

Inherited property in default of sons.

Numbers 27:1-8 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. 2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the Princes and all the Congregation, by the door of The Tabernacle of the Congregation, saying, 3 Our Father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own Sin, and had no sons. 4 Why should the name of our Father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the Brethren of our Father. ...

Joshua 17:1-6 There was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph; to wit, for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the Father of Gilead: because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. 2 There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida: these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families. 3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the Princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our Brethren. Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the Brethren of their Father. ...

Fondness and care of mothers for.

Exodus 2:2-10 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and Daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. 4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. 5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. ...

1 Samuel 2:19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

1 Kings 3:27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.

Isaiah 49:15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: 8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the Gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

Of God's people, holy.

Ezra 9:2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the Princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

1 Corinthians 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

Of God's people, interested in the promises.

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Prosperity of, greatly depended on obedience of parents.

Deuteronomy 4:40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

Deuteronomy 12:25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 12:28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.

Frequently bore the curse of parents.

Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the Fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Psalms 109:9-10 Let his children be Fatherless, and his wife a widow. 10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

WERE REQUIRED

To honor their parents.

Exodus 20:12 Honour thy Father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

To attend to instruction.

Deuteronomy 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but Teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

Deuteronomy 11:19 And ye shall Teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

To submit to discipline.

Proverbs 29:17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had Fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

To respect the aged.

Leviticus 19:32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

Mode of giving public instruction to.

Luke 2:46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

Acts 22:3 I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of The Law of the Fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

Power of parents over, during the patriarchal age.

Genesis 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

Genesis 21:14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

Genesis 38:24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by Whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

Often wicked and rebellious.

2 Kings 2:23 And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

Rebellious, Punished by the civil power.

Exodus 21:15-17 And he that smiteth his Father, or his mother, shall be surely put to Death. 16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to Death. 17 And he that curseth his Father, or his mother, shall surely be put to Death.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his Father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: 19 Then shall his Father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; 20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a Drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Devoted their property to avoid supporting parents.

Matthew 15:5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is* a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;

Mark 7:11-12 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, *It is* Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; *he shall be free.* And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

Could demand their portion during Father's life.

Luke 15:12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them *his* living.

Amusements of.

Zechariah 8:5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

Matthew 11:16-17 ¶ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

Casting out of weak, ect. alluded to.

Ezekiel 16:5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

Inhuman practice of offering to Idols.

2 Kings 17:31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

2 Chronicles 28:3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

2 Chronicles 33:6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to Anger.

ILLEGITIMATE,

Had no inheritance.

Genesis 21:10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

Genesis 21:14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

Not cared for by the Father.

Hebrews 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Excluded from the Congregation.

Deuteronomy 23:2 A bastard shall not enter into the Congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the Congregation of the LORD.

Sometimes sent Away with gifts.

Genesis 25:6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

Despised by their Brethren.

Judges 11:2 And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our Father's house; for thou Art the son of a strange woman.

Destruction of, a punishment.

Leviticus 26:22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.

Ezekiel 9:6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Luke 19:44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Grief occasioned by loss of.

Genesis 37:35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his Father wept for him.

Genesis 44:27-29 And thy Servant my Father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons: 28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since: 29 And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

2 Samuel 13:37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

Jeremiah 6:26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

Jeremiah 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.

Resignation manifested at loss of.

Leviticus 10:19-20 And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their Sin Offering and their Burnt Offering before the LORD; and such things have befallen me: and if I had eaten the Sin Offering to day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD? 20 And when Moses heard that, he was content.

2 Samuel 12:18-23 And it came to pass on the Seventh Day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was Dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is Dead? 19 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was Dead: therefore David said unto his servants, Is the child Dead? And they said, He is Dead. 20 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. 21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was Dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. ...

Job 1:19-21 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are Dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

Children, Good

The Lord is with.

1 Samuel 3:19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

Know the Scriptures.

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through Faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Observe The Law of God.

Proverbs 28:7 Whoso keepeth The Law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his Father.

Their obedience to parents is well pleasing to God.

Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Partake of the promises of God.

Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Shall be blessed.

Proverbs 3:1-4 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Ephesians 6:2-3 Honour thy Father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Show love to parents.

Genesis 46:29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his Father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

Obey parents.

Genesis 28:7 And that Jacob obeyed his Father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram;

Genesis 47:30 But I will lie with my Fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

Attend to parental teaching.

Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heareth his Father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

Take care of parents.

Genesis 45:9 Haste ye, and go up to my Father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

Genesis 47:12 And Joseph nourished his Father, and his Brethren, and all his Father's household, with bread, according to their families.

Make their parents' hearts glad.

Proverbs 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad Father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

Proverbs 29:17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

Honor the aged.

Job 32:6-7 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and Durst not shew you mine opinion. 7 I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should Teach wisdom.

Adduced as a motive for submission to God.

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had Fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Spirit of, a requisite for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Illustrative of a teachable spirit.

Matthew 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Exemplified.

Isaac,

Genesis 22:6-10 And Abraham took the wood of the Burnt Offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his Father, and said, My Father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a Burnt Offering? 8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a Burnt Offering: so they went both of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. ...

Joseph,

Genesis 45:9 Haste ye, and go up to my Father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

Genesis 46:29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his Father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

Jephthah's daughter,

Judges 11:34 And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

Judges 11:36 And she said unto him, My Father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken Vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon.

Samson,

Judges 13:24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

Samuel,

1 Samuel 3:19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

Obadiah,

1 Kings 18:12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy Servant fear the LORD from my youth.

Josiah,

2 Chronicles 34:3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his Father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Groves, and the carved Images, and the molten Images.

Esther,

Esther 2:20 Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

Job,

Job 29:4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;

David,

1 Samuel 17:20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.

Psalms 71:5 For thou Art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou Art my trust from my youth.

Daniel,

Daniel 1:6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

John The Baptist,

Luke 1:80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

Children in the Temple,

Matthew 21:15-16 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, *Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?*

Timothy,

2 Timothy 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through Faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Children, Wicked

Know not God.

1 Samuel 2:12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

Are void of understanding.

Proverbs 7:7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,

Are proud.

Isaiah 3:5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

WITH REGARD TO PARENTS

Hearken not to them.

1 Samuel 2:25 If one man Sin against another, the Judge shall Judge him: but if a man Sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their Father, because the LORD would slay them.

Despise them.

Proverbs 15:5 A fool despiseth his Father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

Proverbs 15:20 A wise son maketh a glad Father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

Curse them.

Proverbs 30:11 There is a generation that curseth their Father, and doth not bless their mother.

Bring reproach on them.

Proverbs 19:26 He that wasteth his Father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

Are a calamity to them.

Proverbs 19:13 A foolish son is the calamity of his Father: and the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

Are a grief to them.

Proverbs 17:25 A foolish son is a grief to his Father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

Despise their elders.

Job 19:18 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.

PUNISHMENT OF, FOR

Setting Light by parents.

Deuteronomy 27:16 Cursed be he that setteth Light by his Father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Disobeying parents.

Deuteronomy 21:21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Mocking parents.

Proverbs 30:17 The eye that mocketh at his Father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

Cursing parents.

Exodus 21:15 And he that smiteth his Father, or his mother, shall be surely put to Death.

Mark 7:10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

Smiting parents.

Exodus 21:15 And he that smiteth his Father, or his mother, shall be surely put to Death.

Mocking of a prophet.

2 Kings 2:23-24 And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head. 24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.

Gluttony and drunkenness.

Deuteronomy 21:20-21 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a Drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Their guilt in robbing parents.

Proverbs 28:24 Whoso robbeth his Father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; the same is the companion of a destroyer.

Exemplified.

Esau,

Genesis 26:34-35 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: 35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

Sons of Eli,

1 Samuel 2:12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

1 Samuel 2:17 Wherefore the Sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

Sons of Samuel,

1 Samuel 8:3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted Judgment.

Absalom,

2 Samuel 15:10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the Tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.

Adonijah,

1 Kings 1:5-6 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6 And his Father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

Children at Bethel,

2 Kings 2:23 And he went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.

Adrammelech and Sharezer,

2 Kings 19:37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

Divorce

Law Of Marriage Against.

Genesis 2:24. Therefore shall a man leave his Father and his mother, and shall Cleave Unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Matthew 19:6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

PERMITTED

By The Mosaic Law.

Deuteronomy 24:1. When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

On Account Of Hardness Of Heart.

Matthew 19:8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

Often Sought By The Jews.

Micah 2:9. The Women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

Malachi 2:14. Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been Witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

Sought On Slight Grounds.

Matthew 5:31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

Matthew 19:3 ¶ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

Not Allowed To Those Who Falsely Accused Their Wives.

Deuteronomy 22:18-19. And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; And they shall Amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the Father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

WOMEN

Could Obtain.

Proverbs 2:17. Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

Mark 10:12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

Could Marry After.

Deuteronomy 24:2. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

Responsible For Vows After.

Numbers 30:9. But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

Married After, Could Not Return To First Husband.

Deuteronomy 24:3-4. And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife; Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is Abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to Sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

Afflicted By.

Isaiah 54:4. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

Isaiah 54:6. For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

Priests Not To Marry Women After.

Leviticus 21:14. A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

Of Servants, Regulated By Law.

Exodus 21:7. And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.

Exodus 21:11. And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

Of captives, regulated by law.

Deuteronomy 21:13-14. And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and Bewail her Father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife. And it shall

be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her.

Forced On Those Who Had Idolatrous Wives.

Ezra 10:2-17. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. 3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to The Law. 4 Arise; for this matter belongeth unto thee: we also will be with thee: be of good courage, and do it. 5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware. ...

Nehemiah 13:23. In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:

Nehemiah 13:30. Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;

Jews Condemned For Love Of.

Malachi 2:14-16. Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been Witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Forbidden By Christ Except For Adultery.

Matthew 5:32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Matthew 19:9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

Prohibition Of, Offended The Jews.

Matthew 19:10. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.

Illustrative Of God's Casting Off Of The Jewish Church.

Isaiah 50:1. Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

Jeremiah 3:8. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

Widows

Character of true.

Luke 2:37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

1 Timothy 5:5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

1 Timothy 5:10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the Saints' feet, if she have relieved the Afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

GOD

Surely hears the cry of.

Exodus 22:23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

Judges for.

Deuteronomy 10:18 He doth execute the Judgment of the Fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Psalms 68:5 A Father of the Fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

Relieves.

Psalms 146:9 The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the Fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.

Establishes the border of.

Proverbs 15:25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

Will Witness against oppressors of.

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near to you to Judgment; and I will be a swift Witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the Fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Exhorted to trust in God.

Jeremiah 49:11 Leave thy Fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

SHOULD NOT BE

Afflicted.

Exodus 22:22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or Fatherless child.

Oppressed.

Jeremiah 7:6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the Fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

Zechariah 7:10 And oppress not the widow, nor the Fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

Treated with violence.

Jeremiah 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye Judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the Fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Deprived of raiment in pledge.

Deuteronomy 24:17 Thou shalt not pervert the Judgment of the stranger, nor of the Fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

SHOULD BE

Pleaded for.

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do well; seek Judgment, relieve the oppressed, Judge the Fatherless, plead for the widow.

Honored, if widows indeed.

1 Timothy 5:3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

Relieved by their friends.

1 Timothy 5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

1 Timothy 5:16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the Church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

Relieved by the Church.

Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

1 Timothy 5:9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

Visited in Affliction.

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the Fatherless and widows in their Affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Allowed to share in our blessings.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

Deuteronomy 16:11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath Chosen to place his name there.

Deuteronomy 24:19-21 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the Fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands. When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the Fatherless, and for the widow. When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the Fatherless, and for the widow.

Though poor, may be liberal.

Mark 12:42-44 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, **Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all *they* did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.**

When young, exposed to may temptations.

1 Timothy 5:11-14 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first Faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger Women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Saints

Relieve.

Acts 9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the Coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

Cause joy to.

Job 29:13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to Sing for joy.

Disappoint not.

Job 31:16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

THE WICKED

Do no good to.

Job 24:21 He evil entreateth the barren that beareth not: and doeth not good to the widow.

Send, away empty.

Job 22:9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the Fatherless have been broken.

Take pledges from.

Job 24:3 They drive away the Ass of the Fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

Reject the cause of.

Isaiah 1:23 Thy Princes are rebellious, and companions of Thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they Judge not the Fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

Vex.

Ezekiel 22:7 In thee have they set Light by Father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the Fatherless and the widow.

Make a prey of.

Isaiah 10:2 To turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless!

Matthew 23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Slay.

Psalms 94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the Fatherless.

Curse for perverting Judgment of.

Deuteronomy 27:19 Cursed be he that perverteth the Judgment of the stranger, Fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Woe to those who oppress.

Isaiah 10:1-2 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; 2 To turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless!

Blessings on those who relieve.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

A type of Zion in Affliction.

Lamentations 5:3 We are orphans and Fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

Were released from all obligation to former husbands.

Romans 7:3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be Dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Were clothed in mourning after the decease of husbands.

Genesis 38:14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife.

Genesis 38:19 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

2 Samuel 14:2 And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the Dead:

2 Samuel 14:5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is Dead.

Reproach connected with.

Isaiah 54:4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

Increase of, threatened as a punishment.

Exodus 22:24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children Fatherless.

Jeremiah 15:8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused him to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city.

Jeremiah 18:21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their blood by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to Death; let their young men be slain by the sword in battle.

LAWS RESPECTING;

Not to be oppressed.

Exodus 22:22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or Fatherless child.

Deuteronomy 27:19 Cursed be he that perverteth the Judgment of the stranger, Fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Raiment of, not to be taken in pledge by creditors.

Deuteronomy 24:17 Thou shalt not pervert the Judgment of the stranger, nor of the Fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

Bound to perform their vows.

Numbers 30:9 But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

Not to intermarry with priests.

Leviticus 21:14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, or an harlot, these shall he not take: but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

To be allowed to glean in fields and vineyards.

Deuteronomy 24:19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the Fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

To have a share of the triennial tithe.

Deuteronomy 14:28 At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

Deuteronomy 26:12-13 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the Fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled; Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the Fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them:

To share in public rejoicings.

Deuteronomy 16:11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath Chosen to place his name there.

Deuteronomy 16:14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

When daughters of priests and childless, to partake of the holy things.

Leviticus 22:13 But if the priest's daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her Father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her Father's meat: but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

When left childless, to be married by their husband's nearest of kin.

Deuteronomy 25:5-6 If Brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the Dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is Dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

Allowed to marry again.

Romans 7:3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be Dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Intermarrying with, of kings considered treason.

1 Kings 2:21-24 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. 23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. 24 Now therefore, as the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my Father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be put to Death this day.

Not to be deplored by, considered a great calamity.

Job 27:15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in Death: and his widows shall not weep.

Psalms 78:64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

Were under the special protection of God.

Deuteronomy 10:18 He doth execute the Judgment of the Fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Psalms 68:5 A Father of the Fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

Were frequently oppressed and persecuted.

Job 24:3 They drive away the Ass of the Fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

Ezekiel 22:7 In thee have they set Light by Father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the Fatherless and the widow.

Specially taken care of by the primitive Church.

Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

1 Timothy 5:9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,

Often devoted themselves entirely to God's service.

Luke 2:37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

1 Timothy 5:10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the Saints' feet, if she have relieved the Afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

Instances of great liberality in.

1 Kings 17:9-15 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And she said, *As* the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.

Mark 12:42-44 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called *unto him* his disciples, and saith unto them, **Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all *they* did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.**

ILLUSTRATIVE OF

A desolate condition.

Isaiah 47:8-9 Therefore hear now this, thou that Art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great Abundance of thine enchantments.

Zion in captivity.

Lamentations 1:1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and Princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary!

The Fatherless

Find mercy in God.

Hosea 14:3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon Horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the Fatherless findeth mercy.

GOD WILL

Be a Father of.

Psalm 68:5 A Father of the Fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

Be a helper of.

Psalm 10:14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou Art the helper of the Fatherless.

Hear the cry of.

Exodus 22:23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry;

Execute the Judgment of.

Deuteronomy 10:18 He doth execute the Judgment of the Fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Psalm 10:18 To Judge the Fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

Punish those who oppress.

Exodus 22:24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children Fatherless.

Isaiah 10:1-3 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; To turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless! And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near to you to Judgment; and I will be a swift Witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the Fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Punish those who Judge not.

Jeremiah 5:28-29 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they Judge not the cause, the cause of the Fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not Judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

Visit in Affliction.

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the Fatherless and widows in their Affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Let them share in our blessings.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

Defend.

Psalms 82:3 Defend the poor and Fatherless: do justice to the Afflicted and needy.

Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do well; seek Judgment, relieve the oppressed, Judge the Fatherless, plead for the widow.

Wrong not, in Judgment.

Deuteronomy 24:17 Thou shalt not pervert the Judgment of the stranger, nor of the Fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge:

Defraud not.

Proverbs 23:10 Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the Fatherless:

Afflict not.

Exodus 22:22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or Fatherless child.

Oppress not.

Zechariah 7:10 And oppress not the widow, nor the Fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

Do no violence to.

Jeremiah 22:3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye Judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the Fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

Blessedness of taking care of.

Deuteronomy 14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the Fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

Job 29:12-13 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the Fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to Sing for joy.

THE WICKED

Rob.

Isaiah 10:2 To turn aside the needy from Judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless!

Overwhelm.

Job 6:27 Yea, ye overwhelm the Fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend.

Vex.

Ezekiel 22:7 In thee have they set Light by Father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the Fatherless and the widow.

Oppress.

Job 24:3 They drive away the Ass of the Fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge.

Murder.

Psalms 94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the Fatherless.

Judge not for.

Isaiah 1:23 Thy Princes are rebellious, and companions of Thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they Judge not the Fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

Jeremiah 5:28 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they Judge not the cause, the cause of the Fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not Judge.

A curse on those who oppress.

Deuteronomy 27:19 Cursed be he that perverteth the Judgment of the stranger, Fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Promises with respect to.

Jeremiah 49:11 Leave thy Fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

A type of Zion in Affliction.

Lamentations 5:3 We are orphans and Fatherless, our mothers are as widows.

Exemplified.

Lot,

Genesis 11:27-28 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah Begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran Begat Lot. And Haran died before his Father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

Daughters of Zelophehad,

Numbers 27:1-5 Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the Princes and all the Congregation, by the door of The Tabernacle of the Congregation, saying, Our Father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own Sin, and had no sons. Why should the name of our Father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us therefore a possession among the Brethren of our Father. ...

Jotham,

Judges 9:16-21 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands; (For my Father fought for you, and adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian: And ye are risen up against my Father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;) If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: ...

Mephibosheth,

2 Samuel 9:3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

Joash,

2 Kings 11:1-12 And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was Dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land. And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the Captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an Oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son. ...

Esther,

Esther 2:7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither Father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her Father and mother were Dead, took for his own daughter.

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